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Madrid, Febr. 17. N. S.

THE King of Spain continues in very good Health, and does often divert himself with Hunting. The Court is entertained with Balls and other Diversions on account of the Carnaval, and the King and Queen intend to go in the beginning of Lent to the *Escorial*, and to continue there till Easter. It's still discoursed, that the Bishop of *Lerida*, who is returning hither from the Imperial Court, will be made President of the Council of *Castile* in the room of the Count *d'Oropesa*. The Duke *de Pareti* is appointed to succeed him as Ambassador from this Crown to the Emperor, and is accordingly preparing for his Journey to *Vienna*. The King has lately made the Duke *de Vexa* a Knight of the *Golden Fleece*. The Count of *Fuensalida* took the usual Oath this week as Counsellor of State. The Office of Secretary of the Council of State, vacant by the Death of Don *John del Moral*, is not yet disposed of. Orders are sent to *Catalonia*, that a Regiment of Horse and some Regiments of Foot of the Forces quartered in that Province, do forthwith march to *Andalusia* to be transported from thence to *Ceuta*, in order to drive the Moors from before that Place; Letters from thence of the 22d past say, a French Slave had made his Escape thither from *Tetuan*, who reports, that the Officers who command the Moors before that Place had represented to the King of *Morocco*, the great Difficulties they meet with in this Siege, and desired Orders to raise the same, but that he seemed resolved not to quit this Enterprize.

Warsaw, Febr. 9. The Cardinal Primate having received a Letter from the King of *Poland*, acquainting him that he intends to be here in a very short time, every thing is put in a readiness for the Diet to meet soon after his arrival. The *Sieur Werner* is daily expected here from *Elbing*, having in the Quality of Commissioner from the Elector of *Brandenburgh* delivered up that City to the Commissioners of *Poland*, and received from them the Jewels given to his Electoral Highness as a Security for the Payment of the Money due to him from this Crown, which Jewels are delivered into the Custody of General *Brandt* Governor of *Coningsherg*, and are to be kept in the Castle of that Place, till such time as the Elector's Pretensions are satisfied. The last Advices from *Cemburg* say, the *Sieur Lixinsky*, the King's Ambassador Extraordinary to the Grand Signior, being perfectly recovered of his late Illness, continued his Journey to the Port, and that two Turkish Officers waited for him at *Tassy* by the Grand Signior's Order, to conduct him to *Constantinople*.

Vienna, Febr. 17. The Grand Signior's Ambassador had Publick Audience of the Emperor yesterday, being Conducted by Count *Rappach*, Serjeant Major of the Imperial Guards, in the manner following; First marched a Company of our Garrison; Then the Ambassador's Chiaia or Chief Steward, after whom were carried the

Presents sent by the Sultan to the Emperor and the Imperial Family, consisting in a very fine Tent, adorned with Gold Embroidery; Two Horses, with Saddles and Bridles covered with Gold and Silver and Precious Stones; Two Arabian Led Horses, likewise very richly accoutred; Divers Turkey-work Carpets; Several pieces of Gold and Silver Brocades, and other things of Value; Then came divers of the Ambassador's principal Servants on Horseback; The Officers of his Excellency's Guards; His *Divan Effendi* or Chief Secretary, carrying in his Hand his Excellency's Credentials; Then the Ambassador himself in the Emperor's Coach, with Count *Rappach*, and the *Sieur Della Torre* the Emperor's Chief Interpreter; His Excellency's Footmen walking on each side the Coach; A great Company of the Ambassador's chief Attendants on Horseback followed, and after them came divers of his Servants on Foot, and another Company of Soldiers closed the march. The Audience being over, the Ambassador was conducted back to his Lodging, where a noble Entertainment was prepared for him and his Retinue; And the Emperor's Ministers have agreed with his Excellency, that a certain Sum shall be paid him daily for his Expences during his stay here. The Emperor has given Orders for the Payment of several Sums of Money to the Officers of his Forces to recruit them; The Jews settled in these Parts, have offered to lend the Emperor 425000 Florins; And the Officers of the Imperial Treasury are treating with them for this purpose. 'Tis said, some Imperial Regiments will be sent into Quarters in the Dutchies of *Carinthia* and *Carniola*, and in the County of *Frioul*. The Princess *Sobiesky*, Sister to the Empress, continues at this Court; 'Tis discoursed, that Prince *James* her Husband, is treating with the Heirs of the Prince of *Piombino*, who died lately, and left no Successor of his own Family for the Principality of *Piombino*, and that the same being a Fief of the Kingdom of *Naples*, the Princess has obtained a Recommendation from the Emperor to the King of *Spain*. The Count of *Czernin*, Vice-Chancellor of *Bohemia*, died here on the 15th Instant. The Count of *Boynenburg*, who assisted on the part of the Emperor at the Conferences held at *Francfort*, for settling the Dutchess of *Orleans's* Pretensions upon the Elector Palatine, is daily expected here, and is appointed by the Emperor to go with the Character of his Envoy to the Duke of *Savoy*. A Courier was sent this week to *Croatia*, with further Instructions to Count *Marsigli*, the Emperor's Commissioner, concerning the Matters in Dispute between him and the Turkish Commissioner in relation to the Dependencies of *Novi*, which 'tis hoped will be speedily adjusted.

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